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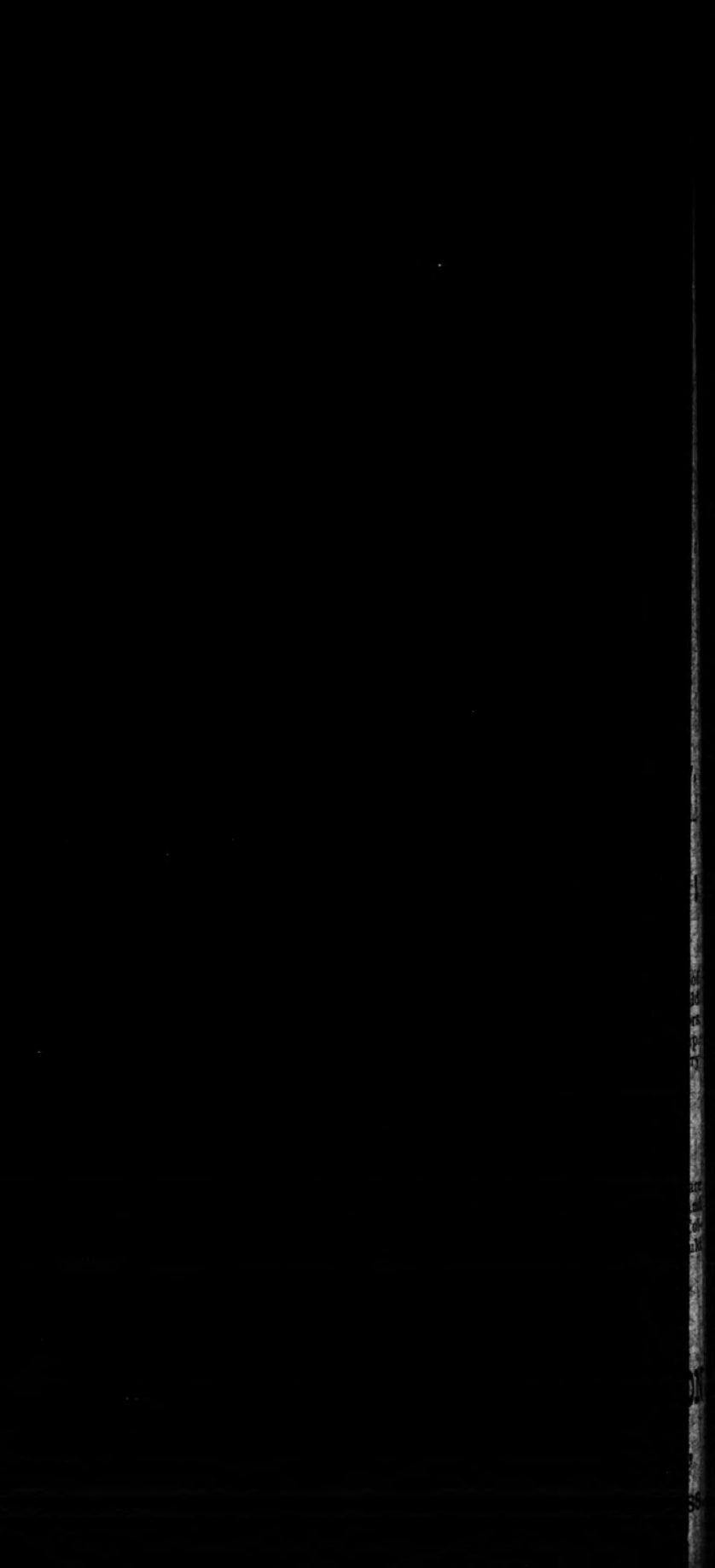
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I. MALDEN, MASS., MAY, 1892.

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## CHRONICLE.

**Afghanistan.**—The 1 sh. of 1872—known only in black heretofore—has been discovered printed in vio-

1873. 1 shahi violet.

**Antioqua.**—Several errors have been found.

1c, on yellow.

2 1-2c, on green.

10c, on rose.

**East Africa.**—The 3 anna, black on red, has been surcharged 1 anna. A new value has been issued, the 1-2 anna.

1-2 anna on 3a., black on red.

1-2 anna, black on yellow.

**Bulgaria.**—The 30 sto. is reported surcharged "15" in black. The 15 on 30 sto. dark brown, *black*.

**Curaçao.**—The unpaid letter stamps have the word "cent" like Surinam.

**Dutch East Indies.**—Two values of the new issue with the head of Queen Wilhelmina have appeared; the 25c and the 50c.

**Falkland Islands.**—The color of the 1d. has been changed.

1d. yellow-brown.

**France.**—Mr. A. Felz informs us that the 15c is to be printed with the network; also that a 50c. unpaid letter stamp is to appear soon.

**Holkar.**—We have received several copies of the new quarter anna. The quarter anna orange, perforate.

**Martinique.**—Another surcharge in this place. This time it is the 2c that is used.

"1c." on 2c brown on buff, *black*.

**Morocco.**—The 15c blue of France is to be surcharged "15 centimos."

**New Caledonia.**—The 40c stamps both unperforated and perforate

have been surcharged "10c."

10c on 40c, red, black perforated.  
10c on 40c, red, black, unperforated.

**Obock.**—Eleven values of the French Colonies' stamps, 1c to 1f have been surcharged "Obock" in a curve.

**Phillipines.**—We are informed that the colors of these stamps have been changed.

**Shanghai.**—The 2, 5, 10, 15, and 20c have been surcharged "Postage Due." Surcharges are in black except on the 10c which is in red.

**Sokotra.**—The 1-2 pi. and 1 pi. of Cyprus have been surcharged "Sokotra" and 1-2 a. and 1 a. respectively.

1-2 a. on 1-2 pi. green.

1 a. on 1 pi. rose.

**St. Thomas and Prince Islands.**—The 40 reis brown is surcharged "R 50" in a black frame.

50 r. on 40 reis brown, *black*.

**Straits Settlements.**—The 8c is surcharged

ONE CENT in black.

ONE CENT on 8c orange, *black*.

**Uruguay.**—The 1c brown is now surcharged "cinco-centesimos-Provisario-1892." The 1c green is reported surcharged "Provisario-1892." Both surcharges are in red.

## Envelopes and Cards.

**Bermuda.**—A compound card 1x 1d. carmine on buff has appeared.

**Bolivia.**—A new card has just been issued, of an entirely new type.

1c blue on pale green.

**Dutch East Indies.**—The 7 1-2 card has the head of Queen Wilhelmina.

**Switzerland.**—A new issue of cards is announced.

### Stamps of Ecuador.

ECUADOR is a tropical South American country, with an area of about 240,000 sq. miles, a population of over 90,000, and a republican government.

The first stamp issued by this country was the 1 real red in 1865, on yellow paper, which was followed in the same year by the 1-2 real blue, the 1 real buff, the 1 real yellow and the 1 real green, having, as can be seen, the 1 real in these different colors. The designs of this later issue were the same as the first 1 real red. These stamps were printed on white paper and were unperforated.

In 1866 came the higher values, namely: the 4 reals red with (arms in circle), and the 4 reals red with (arms in oval); stamps which at the present date are quite scarce.

Six years later, in 1872, a 1 real blue on blue paper was issued, with same design as before. But in the later part of 1872 three new values appeared, perforated. They were the 1-2 real blue, the 1 real orange, and the 1 peso rose. The stamps were of an entirely new design from the old ones, and were printed on white paper.

These stamps were used for nine years, when in 1882 a new issue came into use. They were as follows: 1 cent brown, 2 cent lake, 5 cent blue, 10 cent orange, 20 cent slate, and 50 cent green. In 1882 the 50 cent green was surcharged 10 cents, and in 1887 four new values were issued, namely: 1 cent green, 2 cent vermilion, 5 cent blue, and 80 cent gray, these being the last regular issue up to the Seebeck issue of 1892.

In 1885-89 the revenues were used postally and in that condition are worth good prices. The regular issues of 1881-87 were surcharged diagonally in black, "OFFICIAL," in 1886. In 1887 stamped

envelopes, 5 and 10 cents on white and colored paper were issued; also a provisional issue of envelopes surcharged 5 cents on the 10 cent orange, of which there are four varieties.

Taken as a whole the stamps of Ecuador are very interesting both to study and collect. Although there are not very many rare ones, desirable specimens of some of these stamps are difficult to obtain.

We now have before us in 1892 the Seebeck issue placed on the market for speculative purposes. It consists of the following postage stamps: 1 cent orange, 2 cent brown, 5 cent vermilion, 10 cent green, 20 cent dark brown, 50 cent maroon, 1 sucre blue, and 5 sucre purple. The same set with the exception of the 5 sucres, has been surcharged "OFFICIAL" in carmine. Two envelopes were also issued; the 5 cent red on white paper, and the 10 cent green on amber paper. Of postal cards there are two new varieties; the 2 cent brown; lilac: 3 cent blue; white.

These stamps will, when brought into the market for sale, decrease in value, like the Seebeck issues of Salvador and Nicaragua. Probably the set can be purchased in a short time for one dollar or less.

There are about 6000 varieties of postage stamps now used by the different nations of the world. The museum of the Berlin post-office alone contains a collection of between 4000 and 5000 different specimens of these little colored pasters. Half of this number are European stamps, the remainder divided between America, Asia, Africa and Australia.

The name of the postmaster-general of Siam is Lomdetch Phra Chon Nong Ya Thor Shah Fa Ba-haumangsi Swanguvusga Kooma Araph Bhaunbaddaroongasee Vadey.



**Alive to their own Interests.**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce was held March 19th.

One of the most important matters considered was the report of the committee appointed to consider the advisability of petitioning Congress to consolidate third and fourth-class mail matter, and reduce letter postage to one cent per ounce.

The report favored the consolidation of the third and fourth-class mail matter, and also of a one cent postage for bills, receipts and other strictly business matter, but when it came to a strictly one cent letter postage, they thought that the time had not yet arrived to ask for it.

**The Porte De Mar Stamps.**

THESE stamps issued by the Mexican government have puzzled many philatelists. Porte de Mar translated means "postage by sea" or "sea-postage." Many collectors think they are unpaid letter stamps; but that is not so. Letters to the inland have only Mexican postage stamps affixed. But when the letters were to be sent abroad, besides the regular rates, Porte de Mar stamps were placed on them. These paid the postage charged by the foreign steamers.

The Porte de Mar stamps were not at first used for this purpose, however. Ordinary Mexican stamps were used until the postmasters grew negligent. Then in 1875 the government to avoid loss, issued the first Porte de Mar stamps. These remedied the difficulty at once and have been used since for that purpose. The stamps are seldom found cancelled.

There are four distinct issues of Porte de Mar stamps.

The 1875 issues were of three series. The first consisted of eight

stamps on yellow paper of the following values, 10c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 80c, 100c.

The second issue consisted of twelve stamps: the new values being 2c, 5c, 12c, and 20c. The stamps were on white paper.

The third issue was similar to the second, the difference was that the numerals were larger. There were six stamps of the following values, 5c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, and 100c.

The fourth issue occurred in 1880. The values are 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, and 100c. They were issued on various colored papers.

**Dr. Thebussem.**

DON MARIONA PARDO DE FIGUERO is a distinguished Spanish literary gentleman who writes under the pseudonym of Dr. Thebussem. He has written, "The Annals of Post Offices in Spain," "The Post Office Review," and articles concerning Philately.

He has also popularised in Spain the liking for matters relating to stamps, and he has awakened the idea of stamp albums and envelopes.

The Postmaster General was desirous of giving Dr. Thebussem a cross or an official decoration, but the doctor refused it, asking instead, that he might be called "Chief Honorary Postmaster of Madrid," with a permission to use special uniform, but without salary.

Such a request, of course, appeared very strange, but the Doctor insisted on it, and the little he asked was conferred upon him. The Doctor uses a special stamp for franking his letters, which the Post Office authorities allow to pass, so that he is the only one in Spain who enjoys postal freedom, and as his correspondence is naturally very limited, the stamps are very rare indeed.—[Stamp News, London.

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We will endeavor to obtain the latest Boston news and to that end, we have engaged a prominent Boston philatelist to furnish us with the Hub "Notes."

New York and other philatelic centres will not, however, be neg-

lected, for we have secured a well-known dealer to conduct the "Metropolitan Notes."

Our Chronicle will be up to date and all new stamps will be chronicled as they appear. Patronize the Exchange Column. Read the advertisements, and when you write to a dealer do not fail to mention this paper. It will benefit you as well as the advertiser. Remember "Molasses will catch more flies than vinegar."

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In conclusion we ask for the hearty support of philatelists and dealers, and promise them a paper worthy of being classed with the best.

C. W. WOODWORTH, formerly connected with the Butler-Sexton Stamp Co., was recently sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment for using the mails for swindling purposes. The aggregate sentence for charges against him was eighteen years. Through the ability of his counsel only two indictments were proved against him. We wish it distinctly understood that the Butler-Sexton Stamp Co. was in no wise connected with his schemes.



## REVIEW.

The *Essex Co. Philatelist* for March has reached us. It is considerably improved in appearance and contents. Published at Lawrence, Mass.

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The *Golden Star* is an amateur monthly containing some philatelic matter. Published at Taunton, Mass. 10 cents per year.

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The *Philatelic Hus'ler* has donned a cover. It hustles out regularly in spite of the many predictions of its early decease.

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The *Eastern Stamp*, published at Worcester, Mass., contains very little news. Bro. Eklund should reduce the size of the type used.

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We have received the first number of the "*Washington Philatelist*." We wish it the best of success.

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The *Hoosier Stamp* has again appeared. The publishers promise a better number next time.

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The *American Philatelist and Collector* appears much improved by a cover. Its voting contest is ended. Mr. John K. Tiffany of St. Louis received 104 of the 417 votes cast and was decided the most popular philatelist in America.

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The *Philatelic Journal of America* for March contains three pages of chronicle, "A Trip to Mexico," and notes on counterfeits, etc. It is well worth the subscription price, 50 cents per year.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* contains fifteen pages of interesting reading in its March number. Specialism vs. General Collecting furnishes a theme for much discussion among philatelic writers.

In the *Post Office*, the Consolidation of the various philatelic societies with the A. P. A. forms the principal article. Undoubtedly the members of smaller societies would be benefited by the consolidation, as the A. P. A. constitution is designed to suit all.

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The *Southern Philatelist* for March contains A Review of Philately and other interesting matter. Published at Charleston, S. C.

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The *Missouri Philatelist* improves with each issue. It is one of the most interesting of our Western contemporaries.

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The *Youth's Effort* although not a stamp paper contains some *very good* philatelic articles.

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The *Spy Glass* has been consolidated with the *Eagle Philatelist*. Roy F. Greene is Business Manager and M. A. Swanback, Editor.

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A new weekly was announced some time ago to appear from Toledo, Ohio. We thought Mekeel's "Weekly News" was to have a rival. We received a copy of the paper(?) The *Philatelist's Exchange* recently. The size is 3 by 6 inches and contains eight pages with cover. The fifth page was blank with the exception of the following written with lead pencil:

"If you wish please 70 cents worth of stamps from sheets for this three-quarter page, or 90 cents worth for three insertions, I think I ought to receive some stamps for my trouble; stamps to be from three to nine cents each."

We advise every collector to secure a copy. It will be one of the most valuable (?) papers ever published.

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No. 2 of the *Michigan Philatelist* has appeared. The contents are principally advertising.

### New York Notes.

ALBRECHT & WITT is the name of another new firm that has been formed in New York City, with headquarters at 90 Nassau Street, which lies about in the centre of the stamp district. I believe they will meet with plenty of success as they have a large acquaintance, and are very well known. They are also men of good standing with business principles, and having a large stock of stamps they will be able to fulfil all the requirements of a stamp dealer.

THE Consolidated Philatelic Society held their regular meeting at the secretary's residence, West 44th St., on Saturday evening, March 19th. I was present with the visitors that called, and I believe that this society will in the course of time surpass all of the others. The dues and initiation fee are fifty cents per year; they have an official Journal which alone is worth the money to any member. The Journal is sent to each member monthly, gratis. For further information address A. Schiff, 462 W. 44th St., N. Y.

MR. HUGO KENNSTELLER, a member of the A. P. A., is engaged with his father in the wholesale tobacco business, at 296 10th Ave., New York City.

THE *Empire State Stamp Journal* I believe, has been entered at the N. Y. P. O. at second class rates. J. Dahlfues is manager. We wish them good luck in their enterprise.

THE SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., will remove on May 1st, from their present location at 12 East 23d St., to 18 East 23d St., a trifle further from Broadway.

KREBS BROS. have a fine office in the heart of the stamp district, but it is to be regretted that the office is up so high; they should be on the first floor.

THE J. W. SCOTT STAMP CO. have a small but cosy store on Fulton St. near Broadway, and seem to be doing a lively business. Mr. Scott and a lady are always in attendance.

THE BOGERT & DURBIN STAMP CO. are doing a flourishing business at their wholesale house.

WM. BROWN is established at 29 Park Row, and has a snug and neat office. He can be seen during all hours of the day; he has also a lady attendant who is thoroughly posted on philatelic matters.

MR. ERICH ENEQUIST has opened an office on Nassau St.

THE SCOTT STAMP & COIN COMPANY were recently visited by a United States officer who ordered them to destroy cuts of portions of U. S. envelopes in the company's catalogue. The company proceeded to obey, and went so far as to order their catalogues to be unbound, when they were informed that the cuts printed might be preserved.

THE BOGERT Co's thirtieth auction was held on March 15th and 16th. Some good stamps were offered. A St. Louis, die 1, used, sold for \$51, a Gormant & Bro's match stamp, 1 cent black, brought \$19, a Husband's proprietary, 2 cent violet, sold for \$32; an unperforated specimen of the \$20 Probate of Will brought \$15. The sale was well attended. G. A. S.

A Detroit man has a walking cane made entirely of old postage stamps of various denominations and nationalities—United States, Canadian, English, French, German and Italian. It took 5014 stamps to make the cane. The face value of the stamps was \$100. A heavy gold knob completes one of the handsomest and most unique canes ever seen.

### Historical Sketch of the Boston Post-Office.

THE first Postmaster of Boston was RICHARD FAIRBANKS, appointed by the General Court in November, 1639. What postal arrangements, if any, there were prior to this period is not known; although in 1638 the Home Government had proposed to establish a Post-Office in New England; "so useful and so absolutely necessary" says the proposal; no definite action resulted until the General Court of the Colony adopted the following resolve: "For preventing the miscarriage of letters it is ordered that notice be given that RICHARD FAIRBANKS, his house in Boston, is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither, to be brought unto; and he is to take care that they be delivered or sent according to the directions; and he is allowed for every such letter a penny, and must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect in this kind, provided that no man shall be compelled to bring his letters thither, except he please." Fairbanks lived not far from the present State Street. He appears to have been a man of some property, well esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, and holding various minor offices in addition to that of Postmaster.

In 1677 general complaint arose as to the conveyance of letters. King Philip's War made communication with the country towns precarious enough at best; and in Boston itself a singular custom prevailed of depositing letters in the Town Hall or Exchange, "that who will may take them up," say the petitioners. The Council, in June, 1677, appointed JOHN HAY-

WARD, "the scrivener," as Postmaster. Hayward was reappointed in 1680, and had general charge of postal matters for the whole Colony.

Under the government of SIR EDMUND ANDROS, EDWARD RANDOLPH was appointed, in 1685, Postmaster. In 1689 the General Court appointed "MR. RICHARD WILKINS for Postmaster; to receive all letters and deliver them out; . . . and to receive one penny for each single letter."

Meantime the colonies had grown so fast that the British Government saw in the Colonial Post-Offices a means of raising revenue. One NEALE was appointed Postmaster-General for North America; and under his deputy, HAMILTON, JOHN CAMPBELL, a Scotchman, was appointed by authority granted by the Massachusetts Legislature, in 1694, Postmaster of Boston. In 1710 Parliament took the postal affairs of the colonies in hand, and from that time until the Revolution all postal matters were regulated by its acts.

The Post-Office was the natural place for the publication of the first newspaper in America, the BOSTON NEWS LETTER. Campbell published the first number April 24, 1704, and from the advertisements and notices contained in subsequent numbers it is possible to get some idea of the postal arrangements of that day. Thus the NEWS LETTER of May 31, 1714, gives notice: "That the Post-Office in Boston is opened every Monday morning from the middle of March to the middle of September at seven of the clock to deliver out all letters that do come by the post till twelve o'clock. From twelve to two o'clock, being dinner time, no office kept." In the afternoon it was open from two to six "to take in all letters to go by the southern and western post, and none to be taken in after that hour (six) excepting for eastern post and till seven at night."

Continued in our next.

**Dumb Boy's Postal Fraud.**

WM. H. COUSINS, a Sherburne youth of 17 years old, who has an infirmity of speech, was held April 16th in \$500 by U. S. Commissioner Hallet for the United States Circuit Court, on the charge of using the mail in connection with a scheme to defraud, getting stamps and bicycles.

Cousins is the son of poor parents who live at Sherburne.

The boy is alleged to have carried on his unlawful schemes in the town of Medfield, Natick, Framingham, and South Framingham under different names, to the detriment of stamp exchangers throughout the country and the regret of bicycle swappers.

The defendant it is stated has gone under the names of E. B. Atwood at Medfield, B. W. King at Framingham, and Charles B. Purdy at Natick, and under them he is thought by the post office inspectors to have gotten out of his victims property to the value of more than \$600.

He has, it is alleged, hired post office boxes at the different towns and received the answers of his correspondents, whom he procured partly through advertising.

When the stamps came by registered mail he managed to get them by written communication with the post office clerk, and his muteness has served as a mark of identity, and led to his detection.

At Medfield and Framingham express offices are lying bicycles which he had sent for in exchange for what he had himself, they not having been called for.

In three or four previous instances, it is said, he has received bicycles on the promise to make an exchange, but he, it is claimed, has failed to perform his part of the bargain.

Today he was before the commissioner and pleaded guilty.

**Philatelic Papers.**

BY ELLIS.

DURING the past few years collecting of philatelic papers formed quite an important addition to our hobby, and has proved most as interesting as the hobby itself, and there is nothing that will prove of more practical value to the philatelist than complete files of leading stamp journals.

Philatelic books are few and between, and the philatelist possesses complete files of our leading journals, (which files may in reality be regarded as books) consider himself very fortunate.

In collecting philatelic papers much importance cannot be attached to discrimination, and in all other branches of collecting select the worthless and retain the good which is good and deserving your attention.

Philatelic papers are very closely connected with philately and about the only means we have of learning the past history of our hobby. I have found back numbers of papers that have long since gone to rest, to be very interesting, and though some of the stamps which were then supposed to be new seem to us now to be very common taken as a whole much useful information may be derived from them.

Typographically the stamps of today are a vast improvement on those of ten years ago, and in many respects there is greater similarity between them than a century ago. It is a great pity that some enterprising publishers do not illustrate new issues in their colors.

**Great Britain.**—Two sizes reported in the new 2 $\mu$ -2d. A new card has appeared. 1d. carmine on pale

**Roumania.**—The 5 bani has been re-engraved. The "Carta poatala" is somewhat





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I. MALDEN, MASS., JUNE, 1892.

No. 2.

## CHRONICLE.

**Antioquia.**—A new issue is re-  
ed. Three values have been  
ed. Value in a rectangular  
et in lower left hand corner.

1c brown on brownish.

2 1-2c violet on lilac.

5c black on green.

**North Borneo.**—The 6c on 8c  
two varieties in the inscription:  
"stage" and "Postage and Rev-  
"

**Sumatra.**—The *Monthly Journal*  
chronicles the 1 rupee Service sur-  
charged CHMBA in black.

1 rupee gray, surcharged CHMBA.

**Falkland Islands.**—Besides the  
mentioned last month, the 6d.  
changed color.

6 pence, orange.

**Obock.**—The unpaid letter stamps  
have been surcharged "Obock."

5 centimes, *black*.

10 centimes, *black*.

30 centimes, *black*.

60 centimes, *black*.

Of course the issue would not be  
complete without surcharges; so we  
give the following:

1 on 25 centimes, rose; *red*.

2 on 15 centimes, blue; *red*.

4 on 15 centimes, blue; *black*.

**Perak.**—A new value is reported  
the "tiger issue."

8 cents, orange.

**Portugal.**—A 25 reis. of a new  
type has been issued. Fifteen  
other values will be issued, from 2r.  
to 1000 r.

25 reis. dark green.

**Puttiala.**—The *Monthly Journal*  
reports the 1c. surcharged "Patal-  
1 anna, brown; *black*.

**Russia.**—Le Timbre Poste says  
that the 14k blue and carmine has  
been seen with an inverted eagle.

**Samoa.**—A new stamp has been  
issued with the head of King Mal-  
ieotoa.

2 1-2 pence, carmine.

**Sarawak.**—The current 3 cent  
has been surcharged ONE CENT in  
black.

1 cent on 3c lilac and blue; *black*.

**Sokotra.**—The stamps chronicled  
last month are frauds.

**Straits Settlements.**—The 6 cent  
violet has been surcharged <sup>ONE</sup>  
CENT.

<sup>ONE</sup>  
CENT on 6c violet *black*.

Two new values like **Seychelles**  
Islands are announced: the 25c  
and 30c.

**Switzerland.**—Mr. Leopold Holke  
informs us that the color of the cur-  
rent 30c is to be changed to violet.

**Tasmania.**—Two new stamps of  
the Seychelles type have appeared.

2 1-2 pence mauve.

5 pence blue and brown.

**Tonga.**—The *Philatelic Record*  
mentions two surcharges for this  
colony. The 1 penny rose has  
been surcharged FOUR PENCE; and  
the 2 pence violet, EIGHT PENCE.  
They were issued Nov. 23, 1891.

FOUR  
PENCE. on 1 penny rose, *black*.

EIGHT  
PENCE. on 2 pence violet, *black*.

**Uruguay.**—A new issue is an-  
nounced, and of a new type.

1 centesimo, green.

2 centesimos, carmine.

**A Lesson on Canadian Stamps.**

BY HENRY S. HARTE.

It not infrequently happens in the busy world of the 19th century, that whilst the multitude are busily engaged in seeking some particular goal which they think will achieve the height of their ambition, they lose sight of others, more easily reached and which would be as productive of wealth and enjoyment as the other. This truth, whilst it has an extended application has also a more particular one, when applied to a majority of the Stamp Collecting fraternity of the present decade. In other words, the vast majority of Stamp Collectors of the United States, have made the collecting of the stamps of their own republic, the primary step in the growth of their collections, and have or are neglecting collecting those of the Dominion to their North until such time as their collections of U. S. Stamps shall be about completed. Not a few score who started out with this goal before them, have been awakened to the fact that the stamps that they once might have procured at but a trifling labor and expense, are now fast becoming beyond the reach of many.

There are those who will doubt the fact, but still it remains probable that the increasing demand of U. S. Collectors for Canadian and Provincial stamps, has and is creating no little advance in the price of the latter class of these stamps. This rise in value is no fictitious one, but is based solely upon the probable supply of and resources from which these stamps may be procured. But a few years ago, the stamps of Prince Edward Island were plentiful at from sixty to eighty cents, per set of *thirteen* vari-

eties, now you can buy sets of eight varieties for about fifty cents, but the other five varieties will cost you treble that amount. Sets of six varieties of the New Brunswick cents issue were for sale three years ago at sixty cents the set. Now few care to sell them at less than one dollar. Nova Scotia three-pences, which are now worth a dollar a piece, the writer sold by hundreds in 1888 at twenty-five cents each. It is unnecessary to multiply examples of this kind; the foregoing suffice to prove the steady rise in value of Canadian Stamps and the probable height they will reach.

The lesson to be learned here is plain; do not put off for a more convenient season, the adding to your collection such of these stamps as you have ways and means of procuring, unless you care to be like many who might have—when the U. S. Dept. Stamps were abolished—for a few dollars added complete sets of these to their collections, but did not, and now bemoan their folly. Vain is the lamentation when the goal that might have been yours is lost, and lost through want of a little foresight.

**Around The World.**

A LARGE official envelope containing a blotter, two paper American flags and a picture of Morgan Backus, cashier of the San Francisco post office, has just finished its tour around the world.

The envelope was addressed to Backus at Calcutta with instructions to the postal officials there to forward the letter to Nice if it could not be delivered. From Nice, it made a tour through Europe, going as far as Turkey. It finally crossed the channel to London. It next turned up in New York, and from there it was despatched to its starting place. It is now kept as a postal curiosity.

## U. S. Department Stamps.

BY UNOME.

THESE stamps are of great interest to philatelists in our own country and are also very much sought after by foreign collectors. At the time they were issued in 1873, no special effort was made to collect them, and many people who were expending much time and money to procure stamps from remote countries missed the fine opportunities they had of completing their sets of these Department stamps, some of which are so high-priced.

It is frequently remarked that it is an extravagant proceeding on the part of our government to go to the heavy expense of procuring the number of dies necessary for the printing of a different set of stamps for each department. Some philatelists have fallen into this error.

In case there are any among us who, from insufficient study of the subject, have adopted this idea, it would be instructive to look into the history of the origin and use of the official stamps of the United States.

As we all know that at the end of each year the P. O. authorities in Washington make up a very elaborate report of the postal service, it is not without exception. These reports show that the expenses exceeded the receipts to a considerable extent. This was the case in the year preceeding the issue of the Department stamps, and at that time the subject was given a great deal of attention.

The leading P. O. officials were of the opinion that it would be a good plan to ascertain how much the government itself derived from its postal facilities. This was the cause of a vast amount of statistical work and the question was,

how could the information be secured with the least labor and expense. Finally the plan of issuing department stamps was broached, and met with favor.

Dies for sets of stamps for each department were procured, the stamps were printed and issued on requisition from the heads of the various departments, accurate accounts were kept, so that little further work was necessary at the close of the year.

Briefly stated then—the issuing of these stamps was the basis of a clever plan to secure interesting and valuable statistics. Results proved that the government derived an enormous amount of benefit from the postal service, and in face of this the deficiency at the close of the fiscal year was no longer a burden. The important work assigned originally to department stamps should give them an added value in a philatelist's estimation.

## 24,000,000 Postal Cards.

THE United States government has awarded a large contract to the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield for 24,000,000 double postal cards, a new device which has long been considered by the Post Office Department at Washington.

This is only a trial order, but the probability is that the number issued will be large enough to supply all the post offices in the country.

The card will probably be 5 1-2 x 3 1-2 inches, and will be folded in the middle, presenting four surfaces, two on the outside and two on the inside. The outside surface is for the address and the inside for the message.

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Mr. Henry S. Harte's article in this number will prove instructive to those collectors who think U. S. stamps are a better investment than B. N. A. stamps. Mr. Harte is an experienced collector who is capable to do his subject justice.

We desire a representative in every city to solicit subscriptions. Good terms will be offered to reliable parties.

The United States Government is organizing a carrier pigeon service. It is highly probable that government lofts will be established along the Atlantic coast. Recently the U. S. S. Mohican liberated birds 450 miles off the coast of Virginia. The message, about six

square inches, was placed in a quill fastened under the right wing. It is said that every bird returned to its cote.

Do you wish to receive this paper regularly? If so, you should subscribe now; otherwise you will not receive number 3. Twelve numbers guaranteed.

The first Auction Sale of the Malden Philatelic Society will be held July 1st. The sale is advertised in this number. All should send in bids, no charge for buying. Address W. J. Calder, Malden, Mass.

The Batavia Philatelic Society has been organized at Batavia, Ill., by the choir boys of the Calvary Church. The following officers were elected; Rev. J. G. H. Barry, President; William T. Corning, Sec.—Treasurer. The society has nearly twenty members.

The successful dealer advertises all the year round. The Malden Philatelist is a good advertising medium, and an "ad" in it will prove a good investment.

Mr. Adolph Lohmeyer is preparing a Postal Card Album. A good album is badly needed by card collectors, and Mr. Lohmeyer's is calculated to fill a long felt want.

A. B. Quigley, alias A. Burmeister, is at his old tricks again. Our readers should be careful of dealing with him.

The house letter boxes are being given a thorough trial in Washington and St. Louis. Somewhat over one hundred boxes are in use in each of the cities mentioned. The carrier saves one-fourth of his time by means of these boxes.



## REVIEW.

The *P. J. of A.* for May, is an excellent number. Illustrations are given of 'Torres' counterfeits. "Die Differences" is reprinted from the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Published by C. H. Mekeel, 1009 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Another number of the *Philatelic Hus'ler* has reached our sanctum. It is doubtful if it is issued again.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* for May, contains another instalment of "My Temptation," (though it is hard to see where the temptation comes in), "Auction Sales," and short articles on various subjects. Published at New Market, N. H.

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The May number of the *Eagle Philatelist* contains an interesting article by J. R. Hooper, on "The Stamps of Canada," "How to Obtain a Standard Catalogue," "The journey of One Approval Sheet," "The Past Year," etc. Published by The W. W. Cox Co., Kansas City, Kansas.

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The *Philatelic Tribune* is as interesting as usual. A complete list of Rulers, is given in the June 1st number. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

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The *Detroit Philatelist* shows a decided improvement in its second number. It has evidently come to stay.

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The *Southern Philatelist* for May, is a little better than usual. Editor Luhn announces that he favors the consolidation of the various societies.

No. 3 of the *Long Island Philatelist* has appeared. It presents an excellent appearance and is well worth the subscription price. Published at 63 Irving Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The *Weekly Stamp News* visits us each week filled with the latest news. Published by C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

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The *Philatelic Era* steadily improves with number. Its Review is the best we have seen. It is fully equal to the Review of Reviews in the *P. J. of G. B.* Published by W. W. Jewett, Congress St., Portland, Me.

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The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* visits us regularly. The list of "Alleged Frauds" increases with every issue. Notes by the Editor, and advertisements fill the rest of the paper.

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The *United Association Philatelist* has "given us a ghost." The U. P. A. has been consolidated with the P. S. of C. of which the *Canadian Philatelist* is the official organ.

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A new paper, The *Yankee Philatelist*, is announced to appear June 1st, from 17 Hancock St., Boston, Mass.

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The *Missouri Philatelist* will advance its subscription price next month. The May number contains the usual Chronicle, The advantages of General Collecting, and other interesting matter. Published by Conrath, Stamp and Pub. Co., 1334 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.



### Historical Sketch of the Boston Post-Office.

AGAIN there are regular advertisements, running thus: "Monday, the 14th of December last, being quarter day for paying the postage of letters at the Post-Office in Boston, notice is hereby given to such as have not already paid that without fail they should do it on Monday or Tuesday morning next, the fourth and fifth days of this instant January, between the hours of eight and twelve, as they desire to be credited for the future." (Jan. 4, 1713.) The rates of postage varied from two pence to two shillings, the latter the charge for letters sent from Boston to Maryland and Virginia. To Europe and the West Indies the rate was one shilling, and it so continued until the middle of the present century. Letters from Europe were the most eagerly sought, and the Postmaster complains "that people were in the habit of going on board vessels when they came into port and taking possession of letters with the promise to deliver them to the proper persons."

Campbell died in 1718. He was succeeded by WILLIAM BROOKER, until 1719 or 1720, when PHILIP MUSGRAVE was appointed. About 1726 THOMAS LEWIS took the office; in 1727 HENRY MARSHALL succeeded him. Marshall served until his death in 1732, when JOHN BOYDELL took the office. Boydell held it until 1734, when ELLIS HUSKE was Postmaster. Of these men little is known; Brooker was the founder of the BOSTON GAZETTE, and Huske established THE BOSTON WEEKLY POST BOY. Boydell came to New England as Secretary to GOVERNOR SHUTE, in 1716, and died in 1739. Huske, later on, became Deputy Postmaster-General.

In 1754 JAMES FRANKLIN, brother of the philosopher, was Postmaster. In 1767 TUTHILL HUBBARD was Postmaster, and in 1771 he was still in office.

Previous to the Revolution, the Post-Office was in old Cornhill, on Washington Street, between Water Street and the present Cornhill. Often it was in the house of the Postmaster, as for example, during Franklin's term. After the great fire of 1711 the office was removed for a time to the south side of Milk Street but it was soon returned to Cornhill. At the beginning of the Revolution, it occupied the site of the present Sears Building. In 1775 the Post-Office was removed to Cambridge, and in 1776 it was brought back to the present corner of Washington and Court Streets. In 1788 it was removed to "44 Cornhill" where the present Cornhill enters Washington Street.

This is the location given in the Boston Directory for 1789, and JOHATHAN HASTINGS was then Post-master. The office was latter on removed to State Street to "an old two story building" on the site of the first meeting-house in Boston, where Brazier's Building now stands. Drake, who thus describes the building, adds that the Postmaster alone was able to do all the work of the office.

Hastings was succeeded in 1808 by AARON HILL, who served until 1829. In 1816 the office was again removed to the corner of Congress and Water Streets. NATHANIEL GREENE was next Postmaster, from 1829 to 1841; it was then transferred to the west end of the Old State House. In 1833 it ranked as the third office of the Union. Under Hill eight clerks and one "pennypost" had been sufficient to do the work of the office; in 1838 fifteen were required, besides "four penny-posts for distributing letters and one messenger and poster."

[Concluded in our next.]

## Boston Notes.

MR. WILLIAM MORGAN of Lynn, was in town last week. He has a fine collection of unused British Colonials and lacks only the greatest rarities.

MR. JOHN C. SCHAYER made a fine haul recently. He bought some fine U. S. envelopes for a song from a person who saw his ad. in a Boston Daily.

The BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY met May 16th. in the Quincy House parlors. As Mr. Vanderlip was out of town, Mr. Sircomb of Melrose was elected president pro tem. About 25 members were present. It was voted to discontinue the meetings during July, August and September, and resume in October. Mr. C. W. H. Strongmann resigned his position as Manager of Exchange department; his resignation was accepted, and Mr. Batchelder of Salem was elected. The regular auction was held with Mr. Woodward as auctioneer. Over \$281 was realized. U. S. proofs were abundant and the prices ruled low.

C. H. MEKEEL of St. Louis, was in Boston during the month. He had a fine lot of Spanish and Cuban stamps for sale. He bought some U. S. while here.

ALVIN SMITH, C. H. W. Strongmann, and Batchelder have shaved off their beards.

W. H. COZZENS of Framingham, was indicted by the grand jury for passing the mails for swindling purposes.

MR. HOWARD K. SANDERSON exhibited 13 specimens of the 90c purple and black, of the 1869 issue. Mr. S. is holding them for an advance.

J. F. WHITING, this week, is smoking five cent cigars instead of 15 for a quarter. I understand that the change in brand is due to the fact that he has had a most successful season selling stamps.

PROF. HENRY M. WRIGHT, of the E. H. S., while looking over a lot of common English stamps which had been given to him, found a 6d. orange Victoria, water-marked "words" catalogued at \$20. The stamp is a fine copy and is highly prized by its owner.

MR. HERMAN CORBETT is a book-keeper, but finds time to dabble in stamps. Mr. C. is particularly strong in U. S. stamps, and can show about anything in them.

IN the Boston Post Office, sixty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-six sacks of local matter were distributed in the paper room of the mailing division during May, an increase of 2,254 sacks over that of the corresponding month of last year.

THE number of stamp collectors is increasing around here. Once in a while, I call at certain stamp dealers' offices and generally find a dozen young fellows buying stamps. The B. P. S. does a good deal to help collecting along. Mekeel's Address book is greatly deficient in the names of collectors in Boston and vicinity.

THE Registration fee is to be reduced to five cents, and a remuneration of ten dollars will be given for every letter lost.

THE First Convention of the Philatelia will be held July 4th and 5th at Gettysburg, Pa. The S. of P. have 258 members and are increasing each month. Mr. William M. Stuart of Lawrence, Mass., is a candidate for Treasurer.

**Malden Philatelic Society.**

SEVERAL Malden stamp collectors held a meeting May 23d, and founded the Malden Philatelic Society. Mr. F. C. Butler was chairman, and Mr. James F. Sexton, Jr., secretary. Committees were appointed on nominations and a constitution, to report at the next meeting. The rest of the time was spent discussing plans for the society. Adjourned at 9:45.

The second meeting of the society was held June 6th. The nominating committee reported the following nominations: Fred C. Butler, president; James H. Sexton Jr., secretary-treasurer; Miss Brownell, librarian; W. J. Calder, Ex. Manager. The constitution reported by the committee was accepted. Mr. Calder reported that the exchange sheets had been printed and could be had of him for five cents each. Three circuits are in running order. It was moved and seconded to admit non-resident members, and that their dues and initiation fee be twenty-five cents. The society decided to have its First Auction Sale July 1st. Two new members were admitted. The next meeting will be held at the office of W. J. Calder, June 20th.

**New York Notes.**

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Company are now in their new quarters, 18 Twenty-third St. They occupy two floors divided into departments. The numismatic department is on the ground floor, which makes it easily accessible to city patrons. The philatelic department occupies a much larger space on the first floor.

Mr. PH. Heinsburger, the well-known International stamp dealer, book agent, and many other things, has removed from 21 to 26 Bond St. This is his city show-room; but in good English we might term it his "stamp garret."

THE Societies have their roll books pretty well filled.

THE *New York World* uses a *fac simile* U. S. postal card for advertising purposes. This is a direct infringement of the U. S. laws and the *World* is lucky if the authorities don't land on them.

C. H. MEKEEL of St. Louis, was in this city last month. He was a larger buyer at the auction sale of U. S. stamps of Mr. M. F. Walton.

THE New York Branch of the S. of P. held an auction sale at their last meeting. Over 80 lots were offered and prices realized were very good.

MR. WALTER THORNE has severed his connection with the Pennsylvania Philatelist. Mr. H. B. Kantner is now sole proprietor.

MR. C. W. GREVNING announces that he has sold out his stamp business to the Fordham Stamp Company of which Mr. Ramsay Pengu is manager.

AMALGAMATION is the chief topic of discussion among Metropolitan philatelists now; the majority seem to be in favor of it.

AUCTION sales were plentiful during May and good prices were realized. Most U. S. sold above catalogue prices. At Albrecht and Witt's sale, May 31st., some fine U. S. were offered and sold for big money. A \$500 red, green and black, Revenue went for \$1,000.00. A \$5.00 State Dept. unused, \$37.00. \$200 blue and black, Revenue brought \$46.00. An elegant one of the 24c 1870 grilled, sold for \$25.00.

A NEW BRUNSWICK 5c "Com" sold for \$100.05 at the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s sale, May 18th, 1904.

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UNITED STATES.		FOREIGN.	
	No. in Lot	LOT.	No. in Lot.
PROVIDENCE 5c unused, period after cents, perfect,	1	51 AZORES 1868, 100 unperforated, very fine,	1
Carrier 1c blue, Ragle, whole but slight tear at side,	1	52 Barden 1862 18 green, perforated, well centered, fine	1
1847, 5c brown, 10c black, perfect margin,	1	53 BOSNIA, set complete, British Guiana Scotts 52d, Nos. 108, 109, 110, 111.	11
1851, 5c brown, (19x25 1-2 mm)	1	54 Brazil 1888, 700 newspapers 10 yellow unused, unpaid 300 carmine; first has torn corner mended,	3
10c green, 12c black, fine,	2	55 Bremen 1855, 3gr first variety and early impressious,	1
1856, 90c unused, plate line showing,	1	56 Same, unused but of second variety,	1
1857, 5c brown with ornaments, few perforations gone from top,	1	57 7gr showing plate line to right,	1
2 Same but finer specimen,	1	58 1860, 55gr green,	1
5c brown, ornaments cut off, unused, perfect,	1	59 2gr perforated, left side clipped,	1
24c lilac, unused, full gum, perfect,	1	60 5gr pink, well centered,	1
1861, 5c yellow, corner size pinhead gone, mended,	1	61 10gr fine. These stamps are beautifully cancelled and have been thoroughly examined and warranted	1
90c blue, perforation clipped on left,	1	62 Canada 1851, 3 pence laid paper on original folded letter,	1
1868, 24c lilac, fine grill,	1	63 Cape of Good Hope 1853, 6 pence, 1864 shilling emerald,	2
30c pin hole in center,	1	64 Ceylon 1857, 2 pence green, nick and tear in side,	1
1869, 15c without diamond, fine blue lines across bottom,	1	65 Fiji 1871, 1 p blue, unused,	1
24c four perforations cut off at left top,	1	66 France, Colonies 1876, 10 on rose. Gibraltar 1886, 2 1-2 (Scotts 11) Labuan 1880 2c CC unused,	3
30c fine specimen, two slight nicks in bottom,	1	67 Hawaii 1864, 1c white paper, unused, corner gone,	1
90c good specimen, centered to the right,	1	68 2c white paper, fine specimen	1
1889, 60 purple unused,	1	69 1853 5c blue, unused, splendid,	1
1877, Post obitum, slight tear in upper left corner mended,	1	70 13c unused, fine margin,	1
1866 12c; 1861 3c pink, 5c brown; 1868 10c; 1869 1c (3) last three damaged, others fine,	7	71 India, Alwir 1-4 blue pair. Nova Scotia 3 p blue torn across face but finely mended,	2
Newspaper, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10c unused,	5	72 Honduras 1865, 2c green, 2c pink; 1878, set complete; 4R penmarked and small tear, others unused,	9
9c penmarked, 12c unused	2	73 1877 Scotts No. 3, unused,	1
10c colored border, unused,	2	74 Scotts Nos. 10, 11, unused,	2
25c " " "	1	75 Scotts No. 19, unused,	1
War, 1, 2, 3, 6, 90c unused,	5	76 Italy 1851, 20 unused 1854 20 used, both fine,	2
Interior, 15, 24, 30c	3	77 1853, 5, 20, 40 unused, fine margins,	3
Justice, 1c specimen, 6, 10c; the 10c has small corner gone,	3	78 1879 complete all unused, but 2 1,	7
Agriculture, set complete, all unused except 3 and 24,	9	79 1863 '84 unpaid all except 50 and 100, all unused except Scotts 85, 92, 93, 94,	2
Navy, set complete, except 7 and 90c; the 30c has very small nick in right side,	9	80 50 1 green; 100 red, very fine,	2
7c upper left corner mended,	1	81 MADEIRA 1868, 5r black unperforated, unused, clear wide margins all around. The rarest of Portuguese stamps,	1
90c good specimen,	1	82 Mexico 1882, 25 red-brown, (error) 100 black, both unused,	2
Executive, 3c pocket worn, but good, 6c finer specimen	1	83 Queensland Registered 1861, yellow, unused, cut close on top,	1
Envelopes 1887, 2c ALBINO, unused entire, 2c green on white, right part of entire envelope showing a second impression both on front and back. Curiosity seldom, if ever, seen-	1	84 Schleswig Holstein 1850, 1 blue, unused, fine,	1
1864, 30c green, unused, square.	1	85 SHANGHAI 1865, 1 cand blue laid p; money in singular, sold recently for \$40.00 perfect specimen, unused,	1
40c rose,	1	86 Salvador 1887, 3c; 1888 1 on 3, 5; 1889 1, 2, with and without bar, all unused,	7
1870, 7c vermilion on amber, unused, square.	1	87 Spain 1873, 10 brown violet, punched; Tongo 1 shilling; Switzerland 1854 1 franc,	3
12c plum on white, unused, square.	1	88 Trinidad 1869, 5 shillings,	1
15c orange on cream, " " "	1	89 Wurtemberg 1857, 18 kr blue with thread unperforated, splendid specimen,	1
24c purple on cream, " " "	1	90 1859, 18 kr blue perforated, fine,	1
90c on amber, " " "	1	91 1863, 18 kr orange perforated, fine,	1
90c on cream " " "	1		
1873, 3c green on amber, Die C, unused, square.	1		
15c orange on white, unused, square,	1		
24c purple on white, " " "	1		
30c black on white, " " "	1		
90c carmine on white " " "	1		
1875 War, 1c red on white " " "	1		
1876, Centennial set, square,	3		

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## CHRONICLE.

**Azores.**—Angra and Horta, two districts of the Azores have been provided with stamps similar to the new Portugal issue. Only one value of each the 50r blue, has appeared.

**Barbadoes.**—The new set of stamps will have the arms of the colony, instead of the Queen's portrait. Eight values:  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 6, 8 and 10 pence, 2sh. 6d.

**Cook Islands Federation.**—*The Monthly Journal* notes an issue for this colony. The stamps are type set with seven stars in the center. "Postage Cook Islands" in two lines above, "Federation" and value below. Only a small supply of each was issued.

- 1 penny, black.
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  pence, mauve.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, blue.
- 10 pence, carmine.

**Fiji.**—A new provisional is reported. The current 1d. blue has been surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ d".

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1d. blue; *black*.

**French Congo.**—*Le Limbre Poste* mentions a new surcharge.

10c on 25c. block on rose p. *black*.

**French Guiana.**—The current issue has been obliquely surcharged "Guyane Francais" for use in this colony.

**Grenada.**—*The American Journal of Philately* announces an issue of unpaid letter stamps resembling those of Trinidad.

**Japan.**—Mr. J. Lachi notifies us that a new stamp the 3 sen. was issued May 6th.

3 sen, lake.

**Liberia.**—An entirely new issue has appeared. The stamps are for speculative purpose, and rival the Seebeck issues of Central America.

- 1 cent.
- 2 cents, vermilion.
- 4 cents, blue.
- 6 cents, bluish green; black center.
- 8 cents, brown.
- 12 cents, maroon.
- 16 cents, lilac.
- 24 cents, olive green on yellow.
- 32 cents, gray, blue.
- 1 dollar, blue and black.
- 2 dollars, brown and yellow.
- 5 dollars, black and red.

**New South Wales.**—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* mentions the new  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. gray, Watermark Crown U. S. U.

$\frac{1}{2}$  penny, pearl-gray.

**Philippines.**—A new stamp of the baby type has been issued.

15 cent, red-brown.

**Straits Settlements.**—The colors of the 25c and 50c announced last month:

25c. purple and green.

50c. olive and rose.

**Tobago.**—The 4d gray has been surcharged  $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 4d. gray-*black*.

**Turkey.**—The new 20 paras rose, has been surcharged "Imprime" in a rectangular frame.

20 paras rose; *black*, IMPRIME.

**Roumania.**—Our Correspondent, Mr. M. C. Stihi informs us that the regular issues are now perforated 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  also that a 50 bani Unpaid letter has been issued.

50 bani, green, Unpaid

## SOCIETY AMALGAMATION.

FOR THE MALDEN PHILATELIST.

So much is being written in regard to amalgamation of all existing Philatelic Societies, the desirability of such an issue and the all importance of our possessing a specific unit around which the stamp collecting fraternity might evolve, that for one to take up the negative would apparently seem but to be a presumptuous act, nevertheless not a little can be said on this side and what should be of considerable weight.

Now to the student of Society life. (I mean in the sense of Philatelic Societies and the like) one question is sure to arise and that is whence came this large host of separate and largely distinct associations having in a large measure the same objects and pursuits? The answer invariably has been, not that the "cause" demanded so many legions of *invincibles*, but that the individual desire for office and autocracy has produced the array we behold.

The American Philatelic Association is held out as the circling point around which all the existing Philatelic Societies are to amalgamate, the sun around which all Philatelia's lovers are to radiate. But has the history of this Association been such in the past, as to inspire in all the devotees of our hobby a unifying principle? we fear not, and think it will never reach that position until a radical change is made in its proxy voting and election of officers.

The history of the Canadian Philatelic Association has taught us the lesson that a large majority of philatelists will have nothing to do with a society whose executive council is largely composed of dealers. The excluding all dealer from holding office in the A. P. A. will to our mind the sooner accomplish

the desired issue than whole pages of argument in favor of Amalgamation.

In our estimation we have not yet reached the place in history which calls for one parent association and its many branches, and that the same will never be attained until some means of satiating "office seekers" is reached, the ballot purged and pure lovers of the hobby (not dealers) hold the reins of government in their hands.

HENRY S. HARTE.

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 Historical Sketch of the Boston Post-Office.

The first Postmaster of Boston was RICHARD FAIRBANKS, appointed by the General Court in November, 1639. What postal arrangements, if any, there were prior to this period is not known; although in 1638 the Home Government had proposed to establish a Post-Office in New England; "so useful and so absolutely necessary" says the proposal; no definite action resulted until the General Court of the Colony adopted the following resolve: "For preventing the miscarriage of letters it is ordered that notice be given that RICHARD FAIRBANKS, his house in Boston, is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither, to be brought unto; and he is to take care that they be delivered or sent according to the directions; and he is allowed for every such letter a penny and must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect in this kind, provided that no man shall be compelled to bring his letters thither, except he please." Fairbanks lived not far from the present State Street. He appears to have been a man of some property, well esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, and holding various minor offices in addition to that of Postmaster.

In 1677 general complaint arose as to the conveyance of letters. King Philip's War made communication with the country towns precarious enough at best; and in Boston itself a singular custom prevailed of depositing letters in the Town House or Exchange, "that who will may take them up," say the petitioners. The Council in June, 1677, appointed JOHN HAYWARD, "the scrivener," as Postmaster.

Hayward was reappointed in 1680, and had general charge of postal matters for the whole Colony.

Under the government of SIR EDMUND ANDROS, EDWARD RANDOLPH was appointed, in 1685, Postmaster. In 1689 the General Court appointed "MR. RICHARD WILKINS for Postmaster; to receive all letters and deliver them out, . . . and to receive one penny for each single letter."

Meantime the Colonies had grown so fast that the British Government saw in the Colonial Post-Offices a means of raising revenue. One NEALE was appointed Postmaster-General for North America; and under his deputy, HAMILTON, JOHN CAMPBELL, a Scotchman, was appointed by authority granted by the Massachusetts Legislature, in 1694, Postmaster of Boston. In 1710 Parliament took the postal affairs of the Colonies in hand, and from that time until the Revolution all postal matters were regulated by its acts.

The Post-Office was the natural place for the publication of the first newspaper in America, the BOSTON NEWS LETTER. Campbell published the first number April 24, 1704, and from the advertisements and notices contained in subsequent numbers it is possible to get some idea of the postal arrangements of that day. Thus the NEWS LETTER of May 31, 1714, gives notice: "That the Post-Office in Boston is opened every Monday morning from the middle of March to the middle of September at seven of the clock to deliver out all letters that do come by the post till twelve o'clock. From twelve to two o'clock, being dinner time, no office kept." In the afternoon it was open from two to six "to take in all letters to go by the southern and western post, and none to be taken in after that hour (six) excepting for the eastern post and till seven at night." Again there are regular advertisements, running thus: "Monday the 14th of December last, being quarter day for paying the postage of letters at the Post-Office in Boston, notice is hereby given to such as have not already paid that without fail they should do it on Monday or Tuesday morning next, the fourth and fifth days of this instant January, between the hours of eight and twelve, as they desire to be credited for the future." (Jan. 4, 1713.) The rates of postage varied from two pence to two shillings, the latter the charge for letters sent from Boston to Maryland and Virginia. To Europe and the West Indies the rate was one shilling, and it so continued until the middle of the present century. Letters from Europe were the most eagerly sought, and the Postmaster

complains "that people were in the habit of going on board vessels when they came in port and taking possession of letters with the promise to deliver them to the proper persons."

Campbell died in 1718. He was succeeded by WILLIAM BROOKER, until 1719 or 1720, when PHILIP MUSGRAVE was appointed. About 1726 THOMAS LEWIS took the office; in 1727 HENRY MARSHALL succeeded him. Marshall served until his death in 1732, when JOHN BOYDELL took the office. Boydell held it until 1734, when ELLIS HUSKE was Postmaster. Of these men little is known: Brooker was the founder of the BOSTON GAZETTE, and Huske established THE BOSTON WEEKLY POST BOY. Boydell came to New England as Secretary to GOVERNOR SHUTE in 1716 and died in 1739, Huske, later on, became Deputy Postmaster-General.

In 1754 JAMES FRANKLIN, brother of the philosopher, was Postmaster. In 1767 TUTHILL HUBBARD was Postmaster, and in 1771 he was still in office.

Previous to the Revolution, the Post-Office was in old Cornhill, on Washington Street, between Water Street and the present Cornhill. Often it was in the house of the Postmaster, as for example, during Franklin's term. After the great fire of 1711 the office was removed for a time to the south side of Milk Street, but it was soon returned to Cornhill. At the beginning of the Revolution it occupied the site of the present Sears Building. In 1775 the Post-Office was removed to Cambridge, and in 1776 it was brought back to the present corner of Washington and Court Streets. In 1788 it was removed to "44 Cornhill," where the present Cornhill enters Washington Street.

This is the location given in the Boston Directory for 1789, and JONATHAN HASTINGS was then Postmaster. The office was later on removed to State Street to "an old two-story building" on the site of the first meeting-house in Boston, where Brazier's Building now stands. Drake, who thus describes the building, adds that the Postmaster alone was able to do all the work of the office.

Hastings was succeeded in 1808 by AARON HILL, who served until 1829. In 1816 the office was again removed to corner of Congress and Water Streets. NATHANIEL GREEN was next Postmaster, from 1829 to 1841; it was then transferred to the west end of the Old State House. In 1833 it ranked as the third office of the Union. Under Hill eight

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WE have been most favorably received by the Philatelic press and shall endeavor to merit its praise. Although still young, the MALDEN PHILATELIST bids fair to rival its contemporaries in good reading and appearance.

WE offer no premiums for subscribers, deeming the journal alone worth the subscription price. "Al-

ways advance" is our motto, and we shall adhere to it.

Yours sincerely,

THE PUBLISHERS.

## POINTERS.

The cancellation of the stamps of Afghanistan is peculiar. When a native brought a letter to be mailed, the P. O. clerk after receiving the money for postage, tore a piece out of the stamp and put it on the letter. Lately the cancellation is done by cutting instead of tearing a piece out of the stamp.

The first issue of Canadian Bill stamps bring high prices. Dealers are unable to fill orders for them.

Beware of 3¢ U. S. "grilled all over" as numerous fakes are on the markets most of them are on original envelopes, *cancelled*. The grill appears to be made with a sharp pointed instrument with the squares somewhat larger than ordinary. Several dealers are victims.

A "Philatelic Press Association" is a possibility in the near future.

FORMOSA. Scott's 52nd. edition catalogues stamps of this county, 1888, 20 cash, green and rose, at \$5 used or unused. An official letter of October 26th, 1888, dated at Tamsui by J. G. Gowland, U. S. Consular Agent at that place, state that such stamps do not exist. The Chinese have a local Courier. Service from stage to stage, for which they charge a small fee but do not use stamps, simply a sort of printed receipt.—*Essex Co. Philatelist*.

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One of our subscribers write us as follows:

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ON Saturday eve March 19, a post card was sent from London via Vancouver to Hong Kong. It reached here by the Steamer Express of Inverness on the 20 of April. Three hours after its receipt an answer was written on a reply card and delivered in London the eve of May. The journey around the world thus occupying 70 days, the quickest time on record.

### REVIEWS.

THE *P. J. of A.* appears in a new cover with its June issue. The subscription price has been advanced to \$1.00 a year. A great increase of readable matter is noticed in this number. An interesting series of articles on Spanish Stamps is announced.

THE June *Eastern Philatelist* contains "My Temptation," "The Oppression of Fraud," "Stamps I have met," "Review," etc., making a very interesting number.

THE subscription price of the *Philatelic Era* has been reduced to \$1.00. The June number is fully equal to its predecessor, consisting of 32 pages and cover. W. W. Jewett, Congress St., Portland, Me.

THE May number of *The Collector* contains the catalogue of the S. of P. auction sale. Over fifty applications for the S. of P. are included in this number. There are

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THE May number of the *Essex Co. Philatelist* appears in an enlarged form; a new cover, 16 pages of good reading have worked a wonderful change in its appearance. Though still behind time, a great effort is being made to close the gap.

THE *Western Philatelist* has been resurrected. The June number is quite interesting. A cover would improve its appearance greatly.

No. 3 of the *Detroit Philatelist* has reached us. Its success is evidently assured as it is a good magazine. Published by A. H. Crittenden, Twelfth St., Detroit, Mich.

THE *New York Stamp* and the *Long Island Philatelist* are having a race for supremacy. The last numbers of both are very good, the *New York Stamp* slightly in the lead.



*The Pennsylvania Philatelist* begins Volume 2 with its June issue. Its S. of P. ticket is away off.

*The Postal Card* is the journal for card collectors. The June number contains the usual chronicle, also illustrations of Mr. Lohmeyer's new card album.

*The Philatelic Tribune* is as interesting as usual. Bro. Stanton bravely upholds Republican principles against what he calls "Rank partisan Democrats." He emphatically declares that the Republican party has always been the best political friend of Philately.

### Historical Sketch of the Boston Post-Office.

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clerks and one "penny-post" had been sufficient to do the work of the office; in 1838 fifteen were required, besides "four penny-posts for distributing letters and one messenger and poster."

Upon the completion of the Merchants' Exchange Building on State Street the Post-Office was removed thither in January, 1844, occupying quarters in the basement. Here the office remained until the great fire of November, 1872, except for two years (1859-61) when the Post-Office occupied the corner of Summer and Chauncy Streets.

In 1841 GEORGE W. GORDON was appointed Postmaster. He was replaced for six years by NATHANIEL GREEN, who served until 1849. WILLIAM HAYDEN was appointed in the latter year, serving until 1850 when GORDON was reappointed. In 1853 EDWIN C. BAILEY succeeded to the office. Under NAHUM CAPEN, the next Postmaster (1857-61), the removal above noted, to Summer Street, occurred. At the return of the Merchants' Exchange Building, in 1861, JOHN G. PALFREY had succeeded to the office, holding it until 1867, and then WILLIAM L. BURT was appointed.

Despite the rapid growth of the business of the office, it was not until 1867 that a government building was projected. An appropriation was made and the present site purchased in 1868, and the next year building began. Two years later, Oct. 16, 1871, when the work was already well advanced, the corner-stone was laid by the President, GEN. GRANT, with elaborate

ceremonies. In the midst of the work the great fire of 1872 came, damaging the new building to the extent of \$175,000 and completely destroying the old quarters in the Merchants' Exchange; although all the valuable property of the office was saved. Then for three months Faneuil Hall afforded shelter, until, in February, 1873, the Old South Church had been fitted to serve, temporarily, as an office, thus completing the list of historic buildings occupied at one time or another by the Post-Office. By 1875 enough of the new building was ready to warrant removal thither, but not until August, 1885, was it fully completed. Meanwhile, in 1876, MR. EDWARD S. TOBEY had succeeded MR. BURT, serving until 1886, and under his administration the last half of the building was completed.

JOHN M. CORSE was appointed Postmaster Dec. 1, 1886. Under him many improvements were made. The present Postmaster, THOMAS HART was appointed by President Harrison.

THE END.

### FALSE VALUES.

FOR THE MALDEN PHILATELIST.

Every page of the best catalogue published shows instances of the inflation or shrinkage of the true value of certain stamps. In some cases this is done with a purpose; but in the majority of instances it is the outcome of guesswork. Auctions will be the reformers and the catalogues of '93, will be a vast improvement on those of this year. Where before the approval sheets only determined the amount one individual was willing to pay for a certain specimen, the auction of today records the value of any stamp to 500 or 5000 bidders. As the price of a stamp should be always in accordance with its demand and supply, we must be going ahead in the right direction in adopting the auction system.

No one can explain why the 3 cent outer line of '57, was priced 35¢. It was probably offered on approval sheets at that price less a fair discount, and sold occasionally; but when it was placed in the sale it was readily seen that its value was great.

ly inflated. I succeeded in getting over a dozen, including vertical pairs, at 11¢ each, in an auction of Scott's. The same thing applies to the 90¢ blue of 1860. Late auctions have proved that it is much more rare used than unused.

On the other hand there is a tendency to favor certain stamps. For instance the 90¢ of '69, just now draws more attention in a sale than the 10¢ Providence although not worth half as much. We have unconsciously acquired, the habit of judging the worth of an auction by the presence or absence of this beautiful but too highly favored stamp.

Can any one point out an instance where the 90¢ of '69, has not been offered in a first class auction since the issue of Scott's 52nd. And yet all rush for it as if the supply were very limited. It is not so in the least. Public attention has in this mysterious fashion, been drawn to it; and every one wants not only one for his collection, but a few to keep for a rise. One friend of mine has four, another eighteen, another six; all collectors, waiting for Scott's 52nd, which is expected to quote at least \$10.00 for it. Then they will unload and the supply will keep the price just where it belongs, viz: about \$6.50.

In my opinion the greatest surprise, (to us American Collectors), Scott's 53rd, will be the jump in value, of the stamps of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Those stamps should be collected by every American collector and especially by him who makes a specialty of U. S. Those Provinces will one day be included in the Union as sure as Philately exists and there are not enough stamps to go around. Note the rapid rise of the shilling stamps of those countries, and yet the authorized packet rate to England 7½

pence, made, in lieu of a stamp of that denomination, of split 3 pences in conjunction with a 6 pence, or two 3 pence, equally as rare a value can be bought today on the original cover for about \$10.00. Over in England they understand this and buy them greedily. Here is a table showing a few uncatalogued varieties that two years from now will be unattainable or greatly advanced in price.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

1-2 of 6d Green used as 3d	\$ 7.00
6d and 1-2 of 3d used as 7 1-2d	12.00
3d 3d and 1-2 of 3d	10.00
1-2 of Sh. and 1-2 of 3d	20.00
N. S. 5 cents on milk white surface	.25
N. S. 1-2 of 10 cents used for 5c	2.00

And here are some corrected values in stamps of U. S. found in comparing Scott's 52nd with auction results.

New York, 1843, 3c green, glazed, uncatalogued \$5.50.

1856 30 orange and 90 blue. These stamps only exist as proofs.	
1857 3cts. with outer line	.20
1860 90 blue unused	\$4.00 used \$ 5.00
1861 3c pink	".60 "
1866 3c scarlet	" 12.00
1885 10c special delivery	" .12
1867 5c newspaper unused	1.25
1879 50c unpaid	" 1.00 .50
1891 do.	" .60 .30
Executive 1c used and unused	4.00
" 2c	" 3.00
" 3c	" 2.50
" 6c	" 5.00
" 10c	" 5.50

If the present stamps are superseded next year for a Worlds Fair series, the 6 cent will be one of the rarest of our later stamps. So little is it in use that postmasters in several towns of ten to twenty thousand have never seen it. It was issued for treble rates, seldom reached, and registration but in both instances miscarried. W. J. CALDER.

NEW YORK NOTES.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have placed on the roof of the building occupied by them, a large wire

sign with their name on it, also "Dealers in Stamps and Coins." It has quite an effect on the staring public of New York City and makes philately look somewhat imposing in the eyes of the people.

MR. A SCHIFF of New York City an extensive dealer and collector will attend the S. of P. convention. This gentleman is nominated for trustee, and we hope he will be elected, as he is a hard worker.

THERE are two persons nominated for Trustees who should not be elected. I refer to the publishers of a certain paper hailing from New York City. It should never do to allow a publisher to hold such a position of trust.

WHERE are the boomers?

I APPEND a list of reliable New York firms who are personally known to me as perfectly trustworthy. They are as follows:

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- M. C. Berlepsch.
- A. M. Kirkland & Co.
- Ph. Heinsberger.
- Theo. Toppell.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. are very busy at present.

MR. FR. MORONO of Venezuela, S. A. was in town a few days. He is an ardent collector of postage stamps and had a large lot with him from

his country which were put by A. Schiff, a N. Y. dealer.

E. B. STERLING, of Trenton bought a package of eight autographs of Prof. Benj. Silliman at Yale College, at a Philadelphia sale. While examining Mr. Sterling discovered a New York postmaster's stamp on the cover. He has been offered for it, but regards it as worthless and is holding it for that price. It is the only perfect specimen.

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#### BOSTON NOTES.

The June meeting of the Philatelic Society was held at the Quincy House parlors, Philadelphia, presiding. Twelve members present. The principal evening was the auction. The many lots offered British stamps predominated. Eight lots were sold during the evening, including Barbadoes, Mauritius, etc. unused and unperfected were not sold for bids. Elegant copies of earlons in unsevered pairs went at a low price. This is the last of the B. P. S. until October.

BUSINESS is very dull in the city but United States Stamp

I UNDERSTAND that J. F. Remington has hired the Pinkerton detective agency to look up the author of a certain paragraph in the JUNE MALDEN PHILATELIST. Hope he will succeed in discovering the culprit but I have my doubts.

MR. REMINGTON of Brockton is in town recently and visited his acquaintances. Mr. R. was with the charter members of the Boston

MR. HERMAN CORBETT is the possessor of an entire Charleston envelope, 5¢ blue, used and

BOSTON



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UNITED STATES.	No. in Lot	LOT.	FOREIGN.	No. in Lot
10c unused, period after cents, set.	1	51	AZORES 1868, 100 unperforated, very fine.	1
10c blue, Eagle, whole but slight tear left.	1	52	Barden 1862, 18 green, perforated, well centered, fine.	1
10c brown, 10c black, perfect margin.	1	53	Bosnia, set complete, British Guiana Scott's 52nd, Nos. 108 109, 110 111.	11
10c brown, (10x25 1-2 mm)	1	54	Brazil, 1888, 700 newspapers 10 yellow ununused, unpaid 300 carmine; first has torn corner mended.	3
10c green, 12c black, fine.	2	55	Bremen 1855, 3gr first variety and early impressions.	1
10c unused, plate line showing.	1	56	Same, unused but of second variety.	1
10c brown with ornaments, few perforations gone from top.	1	57	7gr showing plate line to right.	1
10c same but finer specimen.	1	58	1860 58gr green.	1
10c brown, ornaments cut off, ununused, perfect.	1	59	2gr perforated, left side clipped.	1
10c black, ununused, full gum, perfect.	1	60	5gr pink, well centered.	1
10c yellow, corner size pinhead gone, faded.	1	61	10gr fine. These stamps are beautifully cancelled and have been thoroughly examined and warranted.	1
10c blue, perforation clipped on left.	1	62	Canada 1851, 3 pence laid paper on original folded letter.	1
10c lilac, fine grill.	1	63	Cape of Good Hope 1853, 6 pence, 1864 shilling emerald.	2
10c hole in center.	1	64	Ceylon 1857, 2 pence green, nick and tear in side.	1
10c without diamond, fine blue lines across bottom.	1	65	Fiji 1871, 1 p blue ununused.	1
10c four perforations cut off at left top.	1	66	France, Colonies 1876, 10 on rose. Gibraltar 1886, 2 1-2 (Scott's 11) Labuan 1890 2c CC ununused.	3
10c fine specimen, two slight nicks in bottom.	1	67	Hawaii 1864, 10 white paper, ununused, corner gone.	1
10c good specimen, centered to the right.	1	68	2c white paper, fine specimen.	1
10c purple ununused.	1	69	1853, 5c blue, ununused, splendid.	1
10c Post obitum, slight tear in upper left corner mended.	1	70	13c ununused, fine margin.	1
10c 2c; 1861 3c pink, 5c brown; 1868 10c 1c (3) last three damaged, others fine.	7	71	India four 1-4 blue pair. Nova Scotia 3 p blue across face but finely mended.	2
10c paper, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10c ununused.	5	72	Honduras 1865, 2c green, 2c pink; 1878 set complete; 4R penmarked and small tear, others ununused.	9
10c unmarked, 12c ununused.	2	73	1877 Scott's No. 3, ununused.	1
10c 1, 2, 3, 6, 9c ununused.	5	74	Scott's Nos. 10, 11, ununused.	2
10c or 15, 24, 30c	3	75	Scott's No. 19 ununused.	1
10c 12c specimen, 6, 10c; the 10c has small tear gone.	3	76	Italy 1851, 20 ununused 1854 20 used, both fine.	2
10c culture, set complete, all ununused except 24.	9	77	1853, 5, 20, 40 ununused, fine margins.	3
10c set complete except 7 and 9c; the 30c very small nick in right side.	9	78	1879, complete all ununused, but 2 1.	7
10c upper left corner mended.	1	79	1863 '84 unpaid all except 50 and 100, all ununused except Scott's 85, 92, 93, 94.	2
10c good specimen.	1	80	50 1 green; 100 red, very fine.	2
10c defective, 3c pocket worn, but good.	1	81	MADEIRA 1868, 5r black unperforated, ununused, clear wide margins all around. The rarest of Portuguese stamps.	1
10c 10c 1887, 2c ALBINO, ununused entire.	1	82	Mexico 1882, 25 red-brown, (error) 100 black, both ununused.	2
10c green on white, right part of entire envelope showing a second impression both front and back. Curiosity seldom, if seen.	1	83	Queensland Registered 1861, yellow, ununused, cut close on top.	1
10c 30c green, ununused, square.	1	84	Schleswig Holstein 1850, 1 blue, ununused, fine.	1
10c 7c vermilion on amber, ununused, square.	1	85	SHANGHAI 1865, 1 caud blue laid p; money in singular, sold recently for \$40.00 perfect specimen, ununused.	1
10c gum on white, ununused, square.	1	86	Salvador 1887, 3c; 1888 1 on 3, 5; 1889 1, 2, with and without bar, all ununused.	7
10c orange on cream.	1	87	Spain 1873, 10 brown violet, punched; Tongo 1 shilling; Switzerland 1854 1 franc.	3
10c purple on cream.	1	88	Trinidad 1869, 5shillings.	1
10c on amber.	1	89	Wurtemberg 1857, 18kr blue with thread unperforated, splendid specimen.	1
10c on cream.	1	90	1850, 18 kr blue perforated, fine.	1
10c 3c green on amber, Die C, ununused.	1	91	1863, 18 kr orange perforated, fine.	1
10c orange.	1			
10c orange on white, ununused, square.	1			
10c purple on white.	1			
10c black on white.	1			
10c carmine on white.	1			
10c War 10c red on white ununused square.	1			
10c Centennial set, square.	3			



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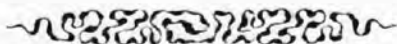
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## CHRONICLE.

**Austria Levant.**—The 2kr. of the current issue has been surcharged 8 para.

8 para on 2kr. brown; black.

**Brazil.**—*Le Timbre Poste* mentions the 100r. blue and red current issue, *tete beche*.

50 reis, blue and red; *tete beche*.

**North Borneo.**—A new 6 cent stamp has been issued to replace the provisionals. Perforated 14.

6 cent, rose.

**Isle of Good Hope.**—The first specimen of the new 2½d. we have seen, is sent us by Mr. Rudolph Haughe. It is identical with the current type with the exception of a square, in the upper right hand corner in which the figures 2½d. appear.

2½d. sea-green.

**Columbia.**—The first of a new issue has appeared. Several more values will follow immediately.

2 centavos, carmine.

**Madagascar.**—Mr. N. D. Bottliwalla sends us specimens of the adhesives and envelopes issued for this state.

The stamps are on white native paper, perforated 12. The design comprises several objects; a conch shell, what appears to be a bell, an umbrella and a pyramid.

The values are as follows:

½ puttan, orange.

1 puttan, magenta.

2 puttans, violet.

The envelopes are of the same design in a six-pointed star enclosed in a serrated circle. The measurement is 119x93 millimeters.

## Envelopes.

½ puttan orange; white p.

1 puttan, magenta; white p.

2 puttans, violet; white p.

**Egypt.**—Our correspondent, Mr. Fernand Colucci sends us the new provisional envelope.

*Envelope.* 5 millimètres on 2 piastres orange; black.

**Funchal.**—This island, one of the Madeiras, has issued a set of stamps similar to the new Portugal issue.

Thus far the following have appeared.

5 reis, orange.

10 reis, purple.

25 reis, green.

50 reis, light-blue.

**Great Britain.**—The 1 pound, green, has been surcharged "I. R. OFFICIAL."

## Official.

1 £ green; black.

**Jhond.**—*Le Timbre Poste* chronicles the issue for this state. The current stamps have been surcharged in black. *Jhond State.*

Watermarked Star. Perforated 14.

1a. 6p bistre; black.

3a. orange; black.

6a. yellow-brown; black.

12a. brown on red; black.

## Official Stamps

3a. orange; black.

4a. olive; black.

6a. yellow brown; black.

1 rupee, slate; black.

**Netherlands.**—The head of the young queen, Wilhelmina appears on the new 1 florin stamp.

1 florin, steel blue.

**Puttiala.**—A new issue for this state is announced, surcharged *Patiala-State*. Watermarked Star. Perforated 14.

- 9p. carmine; black.
- 1a. 6p. bistre; black.
- 3a. orange; black.
- 6a. yellow-brown; black.
- 12a. brown on red; black.

**Official Stamps,**

- 4a. olive; black.
- 8a. mauve; black.
- 1 rupee slate; black.

**Queensland.**—New wrappers and a new 3d stamp for this colony.

*Adhesive*, 3d brown.

*Wrappers*, ½d. green, brown p.  
1d. red, white p.

**San Marino.**—We learn from Mr. Otto Bickel of the new issue for San Marino which appeared the beginning of July.

- 5¢ green.
- 30¢ brown.
- 40¢ yellow.
- 45¢ green.

1 lira brown and yellow (money-order)

June 13 the whole stock of the old value of 5¢ orange was sold out, and the 30¢ of the 1877 issue was surcharged, "Cmi 5." This issue was inadequate to the demand, so June 25, the old 10¢ blue, was overprinted "Cmi 5."

- 5¢ on 30¢ brown.
- 5¢ on 10¢ blue.

**Sarawak.**—The *P. J. of A.* has seen the 3¢ old issue, surcharged ONE CENT with a bar obliterating the value at the bottom.

1¢ on 3¢ brown on yellow; black.

**Senegal.**—More beauties for those admirers of these stamps.

- 75¢ on 15¢ blue; black.
- 1 franc on 15¢ green; black.

**Strait Settlements.**—The *Stamp News* notes a new provisional to add to the already lengthy list.

1¢ on 8¢ green; black.

**St. Pierre Miquelon.**—The collector of surcharges will be happy over three more for this colony.

- 1¢ on 25¢ black on rose; black.
- 2¢ on 25¢ black on rose; black.
- 4¢ on 25¢ black on rose; black.

**Sweden.**—The first of a new issue have appeared. The figure of value in the centre surrounded by a circular band with fancy corners; *Sverige* above *Frimarke*, below; *ore* on either side.

- 1 ore, brown and blue.
- 2 ore, blue and yellow.
- 3 ore, brown and yellow.
- 4 ore, carmine and blue.

**Switzerland.**—A 30¢ of the current type has been issued. Perforated 11½.

30¢ red-brown.

**Western Australia.**—Two new stamps same as the last issue have appeared.

- 2½d. blue.
- 5d. bistre.

**United States.**—The Official Seal now comes rouletted.  
Officially Sealed, brown; rouletted.

### A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

(From the *Times of India*, April 7, 1892.)

We recently had an opportunity of inspecting the extensive stock of postage and other stamps, post-cards, etc., of N. D. Botliwala & Co. of Abdool Rehmon Street. The collection is a very costly one, and possibly the finest in India. From an insignificant beginning in 1883 the business has grown most extensively, and Mr. Botliwala has agents in all parts of the world, as may be seen from his voluminous correspondence with them and numerous dealers and exchangers. His specimen album contains nearly 7,000 specimens of stamps, many of them being very rare and of great value.



The stock comprises all the rarest kinds of Native State stamps many of them from comparatively unknown regions. Mr. Botliwala has a large demand for native Indian stamps from constituents in England, American and Australia especially. He publishes a very good list of his extensive stock, which he sells or exchanges to suit the convenience of his clients. Many of the European and American stamps in the collection are finely executed and really become pretty little miniatures of the rulers they represent. "Philately" or stamp collecting has been described as the mildest form of idiocy, but of late years it has become exceedingly popular, and is an highly interesting and instructive form of amusement. Mr. Botliwala deserves encouragement for the amount of enterprise he has shown, and the industry he has exhibited in getting together such a vast number of postage stamps, post-cards, envelopes, and those desirous of either commencing or continuing the pleasant occupation of stamp collecting should write to this firm or send for their list.

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#### PHILATELIC FORAGE.

The difference between the Hartford and Philadelphia print of the Centennial Envelopes is explained as follows:

In shipping of the die from Hartford to the scene of the Exposition the single line under "Postage" became damaged. This was in part remedied of making of it two thin distinct lines; all Philadelphia impressions showing of course the latter variety.

Now that a great many American collectors are adding Canadian Rev-

enues it may be in order, to explain why it is those Bill stamps are the most valuable, which have the N. S. surcharge. When the change from pence to cents occurred the scarcity of coin in Nova Scotia as compared with the upper Provinces caused a difference in currency amounting to a little over two cents on the dollar. Those in the larger provinces seized the opportunity and purchased all their Bill stamps in U. S. where their money went farther. To remedy this the authorities had all such stamps intended for use in Nova Scotia, surcharged N. S. The short time in which they were used greatly increased their value, and as only the largest notes and drafts had need of \$1, \$2 and \$3 stamps they are corresponding rare. At an auction some time since the latter brought \$25.00.

In their eagerness to secure high value stamps of the present issue many collectors are overlooking the unassuming 6 cent which bids fair to out-rival in value any of the others.

Specialists are multiplying so fast that shades of U. S. stamps are bound to be catalogued. They can be had for the searching almost today and later may cost dollars.

Seebeck or rather his method ought to be sat on and the way to do it is to collect all of the stamps of his manipulation in an used condition. Stamps of Honduras that have never been south of New York ought not to have a place in the album of a collector who pretends to be such.

An official in New Brunswick some time ago stole a large quantity of the 1860 issue. His heirs are unloading and now is a good time to buy, for it won't last long.

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

OUR new Departments will appear in the September number which will consist of twelve pages and cover. Our enlargement is permanent, and will be further increased as necessity warrants.

FOR the benefit of new readers we again announce them: An Exchange column, a Correspondence column, an Auction Department, and an Information column. Subscribers will have the free use of these departments, which we hope to see well patronized.

THE MALDEN PHILATELIST is now firmly established, and should have the support of every New England philatelist. It is the foremost publication in Massachusetts,

and commends itself to every devotee of "our hobby."

ALTHOUGH a new England publication, the MALDEN PHILATELIST has a far more extensive sphere of usefulness. Our subscribers are in every state, in every clime, from the gelid north to the sunny south.

To the collector we offer an A 1 periodical, worthy of his support, to the dealer, low advertising rates and a large circulation.

THE PUBLISHERS.

#### PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Roy Farrell Green has purchased M. A. Swanbeck's interest in the *Eagle Philatelist* and will continue it in connection with a stamp business, under the firm name of R. F. Green Stamp and Publishing Company.

The Miller-McCormack Stamp Co. have purchased the extensive stock of the Conrath Stamp and Publishing Co. of St. Louis, Mo. The Conrath Co. was compelled to retire from the philatelic arena through press of other business. Mr. Ph. Conrath, will continue the *Missouri Philatelist* as heretofore.

The A. P. A. should reduce the annual dues to \$1.00 or less. This would effectually solve the amalgamation problem. Collectors as a rule are not willing to pay the high dues the A. P. A. requires. With low dues the A. P. A. could acquire one thousand members in a short time making it not only the largest, but the best society in America.

We would kindly request sample copy sends not to send for more than a dozen copies a month. One in Chicago has written eight times in one month. He is still waiting for them.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J., has placed the New Haven local recently discovered by him, in R. R. Bogert's hands for disposal. Mr. Bogert gave \$1000 security.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel furnished the philatelic definitions in the Century Dictionary, to Prof. Whitney, of Yale, who compiled the work.

## JULY REVIEW.

The *Philatelic Era* contains "What Constitutes a Philatelic Library," "Is Philately a Science," "Chronicle," "For the Past Month," Editorials, Reviews, etc. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* contains "My Temptation," "A word for the Irresponsible Dealer," "Cleansing Stamps," Editorials, etc. F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H.

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The *Missouri Philatelist* has passed into the hands of Mr. Ph. Courath. This number is the most interesting one of the year, and shows great improvement over its predecessors.

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The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* has its usual quota of "Alleged Frauds." The list is quite lengthy and is furnished by one firm.

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The *Stamp* has changed its appearance greatly since we saw it last. The Sons of Philatelia Convention Notes occupy a large part of this number. The prize essay, "Why I became a Collector" is enjoyable reading. Grevning and Spooner, Young Branch, N. J.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* contains "A Poem" by R. F. Greene read at the S. of P. Convention, an account of the convention. "The Young Collector," "The Philatelist of the Future," etc. As we predicted its S. of P. ticket was away off, the returns showing that the Reading alliance were defeated.

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The *Collector* in reduced size, but as interesting as ever. The reduction is only temporary, the usual size is to be resumed next number.

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We have received No. 1 of the *Florida Philatelist*. We congratulate Bro. Hazen on its fine appearance, wishing the *Florida Philatelist*, long life and prosperity.

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The *P. J. of A.* has its usual chronicle. A. P. A. matter takes up a large space. This number also contains "The Stamps of Spain," "Spanish Counterfeits," "Mexico," "The Stamps of Victoria," "Calendar," "Notes and Clipping," etc. C. H. Mekeel, 1009 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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The *Detroit Philatelist* contains "Sons of Philatelia Notes," "Our Contemporaries," Editorials, Clipping, Notes, etc. A. H. Crittenden, 169 Twelfth St., Detroit, Mich.

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The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* contains "Chronicle," "Stamp Society News," "The Stamp Exchange Clubs of Great Britain," "Reprinted Stamps," etc. Published at 23 Francis Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England.

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The *Postal Card* is interesting to card collectors and is well worth the subscription price. The July number has a large "Chronicle" and several interesting articles on postal cards.

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The *Philatelic Tribune* with its usual "Auction Catalogue" of Stanton's sale. It is always interesting and a welcome visitor. Published at Smyrna, N. Y.

The *San Marino Philatelist* contains "San Marino and its Post," "The New Issue of San Marino," and advertisements. As the paper is printed in three languages the publisher finds no trouble to fill its pages.

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The *Golden Star* appears considerably improved. Its contents are of the best. "Postal Curiosities," "Specialty Collecting," "Worth Your While," Editorials, etc, furnish good reading to the average philatelist. Andrew J. Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

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The *Monthly Visitor* is now devoted entirely to Philately. Its form has also been changed. The July number contains "About Dealing," "Notes from Canada," "Evolution of a Collection," etc. Published at Haverhill, Mass.

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Is the *Long Island Philatelist* lost.

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### CANADA "SERVICE" CARDS, ENVELOPES AND BANDS.

No doubt, a great many, if not indeed the majority of philatelists are ignorant of the facts connected with the issue of what are known as Canada "Service" Cards, Envelopes and Bands. The readers of the MALDEN PHILATELIST will therefore not be displeased with my rehearsing them here.

At the out-break of the Indian and Half-breed rebellion in the Canadian North-west in 1885, as the corps assigned for active duty had to be hurriedly called out, it was deemed important by some of the corps, that the notifications should bear some distinctive mark to distinguish them from the ordinary mail matter and by calling attention to them, insure their prompt delivery. Accordingly Cards, Envelopes and Bands intended for this special purpose, in the emergency

were stamped on their face, across the adhesive with the word "Service" also with the British coat of arms upon the top centre, and in the lower left corner with "on H. M. S. only." Others had simply the number and name of the corps and the word Headquarters. The first emission were printed on first and second issue of bands, second issue of post-cards and one cent and three cent envelopes of the current issue in black and carmine. The second emission were printed with the word "Service" in a heavier and partially shaded type, but otherwise the same as the first in every respect, except that they were printed in blue, as well as black and carmine, on the second and third issues of the above named.

Now it has been contended that these Envelopes, Cards and Bands had no official sanction to their issue, and that they were simply the outcome of one man's ingenuity and accordingly should not rank among collectable specimens. Admitting the first part of this to be true, we fail to see why they should be debarred a place in our collections, when we are so eager to collect cut sixpences, shillings and the like of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other provinces, whose history has shown no stronger argument in favor of their use, than that which is offered for Canada "Service" Envelopes, Cards and Bands.

HENRY S. HART.

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### NEW YORK NOTES.

An iron gallery extending across the large mailing-room in the post office at a level of the Mezzanine floor has recently been built. The sides of this gallery are inclosed with wooden shutters, which pro-



vents any one on the main floor, where the clerks work, from seeing any one on the gallery, but any one standing there and peeping through the shutters has a full view of all the clerks at their work. The post-office officials admitted that it was intended for the use of secret service men that they may keep watch of the clerks. A similar observation balcony is in use in the Chicago post-office.

Stamp business is at present dull in the city, on account of the excessive heat.

Mr. R. R. Bogert thinks of making a trip to Europe this summer. He will give a great deal of attention to stamps while away.

The following is a clipping from New York Daily:

"Post-Office Inspectors Beavers and Morris yesterday arrested Julius G. Meyer, a letter-carrier attached to Station F, for stealing from the mails. A large number of letters for the Scott Coin and Stamp Company, No. 12 East Twenty-third street, pass through the station, and lately the firm complained that letters containing money were missing.

The post-office inspectors worked in the case for a long time without result. At first they thought the letters were stolen by some one in the employ of the Scott Company. They watched the station and sent out letters containing marked money. Some of the letters disappeared, but they could get no clue of the thief. Yesterday morning they placed a test letter containing a marked silver dollar in the box next to that in which mail for the Scott Company was usually placed.

It was Meyer's duty when he opened his letters and found one in

the wrong box to place it aside as a "miss-boxed" letter. He did not do so, and when he returned from his route was arrested and searched. He had destroyed the letter, but the marked silver dollar was found in his pocket. At first he denied his guilt, but finally broke down and confessed. He denied that he had committed any other thefts.

Commissioner Shields committed him for examination in default of \$2,500 bail. He has a wife and three children, and lives at No. 322 East Twenty-seventh street."

### SONS OF PHILATELIA CONVENTION.

The convention was called to order by President Bartlett, at 1 P. M., July 4, in the parlor of the Globe Hotel. The following members were present at the time:

Ralph W. Ashcroft, C. W. Kissinger, W. H. Emmert, S. J. Lowder, W. H. Linn, Gus J. Luhn, R. M. Miller, Chas. W. Grevning, F. S. Fox, J. D. Bartlett, Lewis Lang, F. R. Hoyt, R. J. Russell, H. F. Kantner, Wm. Nicklas, Jr., J. P. Stetler, Ralph P. Spooner, Ph. L. Messer.

A short address was delivered by the President and the following committees were elected.

#### Committee on Rules.

R. P. Spooner, Chairman, F. S. Fox, Wm. Nicklas Jr.,

#### Committee on Credentials.

G. J. Luhn, Chairman, C. W. Grevning, H. F. Kantner.

A recess of two hours was then given and the Credential Committee reported the following number of proxies held by the members present.

Nicklas, 19. Miller, 11. Kantner, 55. Grevning, 22. Emmert, 14. Fox, 23. Spooner, 11. Ashcroft, 6. Scattering 5. Total 167.



The board of Trustees only received 40 votes by mail, so it was resolved to count the proxies held by the members.

The main point of argument in the Constitution was the adjusting of the age of the President, Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent, at 21 years. This action and the article requiring all candidates to be members, barred the chances of Mr. C. W. Kissinger for the office of President.

Another argument was the raising of the dues. Hereafter all joining between the months of January and July will pay 25 cents while the others who join during the remaining half year will pay the sum of 3 cents per month until the next fiscal year. The initiation fee was placed at 10 cents. A poem was read by H. F. Kantner, which was composed by Roy F. Greene.

#### TUESDAY.

The following were nominated after the members were given a recess of 20 minutes.

President, J. D. Bartlett; Vice-President, C. W. Peugh; Secretary, R. M. Miller; Treasurer, P. L. Messer, Wm. Stuart; Exchange Superintendent, W. H. Emmert; Auction Manager, J. C. Miller; Counterfeit Detector, E. P. Newcomer; Purchasing Agent, C. H. Meade, Trustees; R. P. Spooner, R. Peugnet, Chas. W. Grevning.

Sec'y Miller cast one vote for each nominee where only one candidate was named. A ballot was taken for treasurer which resulted as follows: P. L. Messer, 69. Wm. Stuart, 16.

An Election will be held Oct. 1, 1892, for vacant offices. The Secretary showed by his roll book 363 members. The treasurer reported the receipts to have been \$30.28

and the expenses \$29.18 which said would remain in his possession whether he was elected or not, was elected originally for one year. The Exchange Superintendent reported 34 circuits in operation.

The next meeting will be held Chicago, Aug. 18, 19 and 20, 1892. The Convention adjourned at 8 p. m.

#### CONVENTION NOTES.

On July 5th, Mr. Grammer reported the meeting of the S. C. Convention made a short address and said that he began collecting U. S. stamps in 1860 but that he was now too old to collect any longer.

Grevning (with his eye glass) had quite a sale of a \$2.00 postage stamp which he was selling for Albr. and Witt where he is employed as a postage stamp assorter. A BOA

#### BOSTON NOTES.

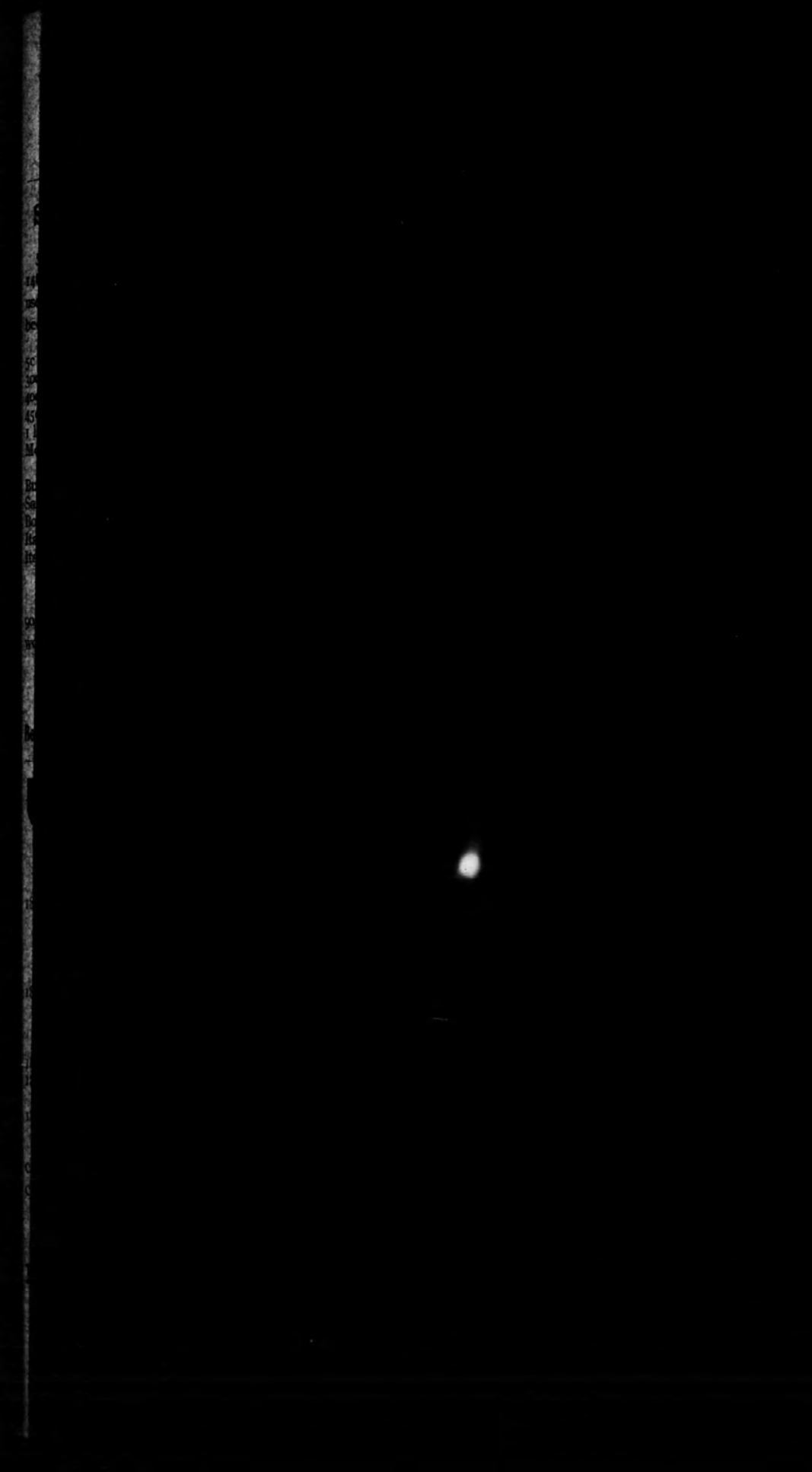
In E. A. Holton's office is a large frame containing a proof of a postage stamp issued by the United States government. The proofs are arranged somewhat artistically, and are a pleasing sight to the eye.

I had the pleasure of seeing about fifty Post Obittum seals at Mr. F. man Corbett's. They are unique and are worth five dollars each.

The *Yankee Philatelist* will never appear. At least that is what an intimate friend of the would-be publisher says. At a recent sale of the Boston Philatelic Society, Mr. Wm. Smith purchased a 5¢ yellow stamp 1861 for sixty cents. The stamp was torn, but finely mounted. Mr. Smith disposed of it for \$2.00.

There is talk of organizing a new branch of the Sons of Philatelia here but I don't think it will amount to much.

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over 30 used or unused	.60	3.75
, 1c over 3c 1871, used	.60	3.75
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